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Great BYU Delta Phi Male Chorus to Give Free Concert at Berkeley Chapel

A musical treat of the first water will come to the East Bay area Tuesday, December 19, when the famous BYU Delta Phi Fraternity Male Chorus (returned missionary fraternity) will give its only east bay concert at the Berkeley Chapel.

Never before has this renowned 60-voiced chorus extended its annual tours into Northern California, altho Southern California has heard and enjoyed its rare performances several times in the past years.

Leaving Provo December 15 the Chorus will give December concerts at Reno on the 16, Yuba City the 17, Sacramento the 18, Berkeley the 19, San Francisco the 20, Palo Alto the 21, and Stockton the 22. The Oakland Stake is urged to join in this delightful musical treat. Other Oakland arrangements did not materialize for this year's tour.

No charge whatsoever will be made for the concert. Everyone is welcome with their friends. In fact it is a "goodwill tour." It is in the interest of the great new Fieldhouse for BYU athletics that this Chorus is devoting its time and talents. The stakes will entertain the chorus members, and the crowds will enjoy an excellent evening of inspired harmony by these aspiring talented young men.

Oakland Stake Announces Easter Temple Excursion

During the Easter vacation in 1951, the Oakland stake genealogical committee will conduct a temple excursion to the Mesa temple by train, announced Herbert Van Noy, stake genealogical chairman.

All interested are requested to get in touch with their ward genealogical committee as soon as possible.

Dear Lily!

Tell Berkeley stake people we're counting on 300 of your beautiful white calla blooms for the S. L. Tabernacle at the April General Conference. How about an extra fifty to put in Brigham's arms? Everybody grow all you can.

Oak. Stake News

A beaufifully toned organ was installed in the new Alameda Chapel on November 16. A Ward turkey dinner was held Nov. 15 at which over $500 was donated to the organ fund. Bishop Francis Winkel bought the turkeys and donated them and the dinner to finish the organ fund. We appreciate this fine act on his part. Jensen's Food Shop furnished butter and rolls. Thanks to them also.

LUCKY CLOVER BALL

It was a night of success on October 17 as the Lucky Cloverites danced to the music of Norval Knight's Orchestra in the Alameda Recreation Hall.

You wouldn't have recognized the hall however, as the atmosphere was strictly "Dogpatch." The "Sadie Hawkins" dance produced some most unusual costumes as well as characters.

"Marryin' Sam" was all set up in business—"real live" chickens were penned in the middle of the floor. . . . and that ever-present "little house" found on the hill and to the rear of the village with the signs "Ladies" . . . "Gents" was there.

One most unusual sign (among others) found thereupon was "Vote for Truman." Stake M Men President Ken Spackman and his associates were in charge of the

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Berk. Stake News

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Ward and Stake Mutual Officers are busily engaged in preparation for Christmas programs and parties to be held this month throughout the Berkeley Stake.

Stake affairs include the traditional Christmas party of the M Men and Gleaners to be held in the Berkeley Ward Recreation Hall on Monday December 25 (Christmas night), an Explorer-MIA Maid party on December 1 at Berkeley and a Lucky Clover dance on December 2 at Vallejo.

Ward affairs include an interward party at Vallejo with the Vallejo and Carquinez Wards participating. Other parties being planned include the Richmond Wards at Richmond and the Martinez Ward at Martinez.

From reports received by Stake Officers it appears that all wards are planning special Christmas programs for Tuesday, December 19 or other regular meeting dates of that week.

RECEPTION FOR LAST YEAR'S OFFICERS

Last year's officers of the Berkeey Stake Mutual Improvement Association were honored at a reception given by the Mutual Boards. The reception was held on Wednesday, November 22, at the LDS Institute on Le Conpte street.

Past officers and the offices they held last year included: Harold Gaisford, Superintendent of

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A New Era to Start in Ward Teaching; New Beginning for Greater Things

A Ward Teacher Convention, held jointly by the Berkeley and Oakland Stakes, will convene in the Berkeley Ward Chapel, Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

A representative from the Presiding Bishop's Office will attend the meetings to give instruction and advice. The 6:30 meeting will include Bishoprics of the Wards, Ward Clerks having to do with ward teaching, and the Ward Teaching Supervisors. There will be a talk on "How to get Ward Teaching Done," and an address bill of fare.

The second meeting, at 7:30, will include all Ward Teachers and Bishoprics, Ward and Stake Aaronic and Melchizedek Priesthood committees, Ward and Stake Ward Teaching committees and Stake Presidencies. The program will consist of demonstrations, talks by the Stake Presidents and by the representatives of the Presiding Bishop's office, and, an open discussion.

All priesthood bearers are invited and expected to attend with the probable exception of the deacons.

Inspiring Missionary Meeting Held

Reported by MILDRED M. FONTANO

Under the direction of Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of Twelve Apostles a missionary meeting was held Nov. 21 in Oakland chapel with Pres. and Sister Loren Jones of the Spanish - American Mission, Pres. and Sister Thomas Gardner of the Northern California Mission, and the following stake presidents, Pres. W. Glenn Harmon of Berkeley; Pres. J. B. Barton of San Francisco and Pres. Delbert F. Wright of Oakland.

"These are momentuous times and if we are awake to our opportunities," said Bro. Kimball, "we can add a new stake of 5000 people every five years by conversion in the bay area alone. The time has come for the separation of California from the Spanish - American Mission. The responsibility of converting the minority groups is given to local and full-time missionaries here in California and particularly the bay area stakes. The Spanish-American, Chinese, Japanese, Greeks, Russians, French, Italians and many other minority races are clean inside, and have done the best they could do and are worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We cannot preach to the millions in China but we can go to the 62,000 Chinese here and indoctrinate them and they can go on their own. The Japanese are helping to do this and can do more when we do our part."

Elder Kimball called upon the bishops to carefully screen the missionaries but to call people with talent to carry on this great work. Read Sec. 15 of D. & C.—"Declare repentance that you may rest with them in the Father's Kingdom." Elder Kimball continued, "We must repent if we feel any of these people are beneath us. None of us are so superior that we cannot afford to meet the humblest of them. These people are good citizens and are here for a purpose. You must accept them. Be ye therefore perfect.

"Go into the home of the Russians. There is no iron curtain between them and us here. Then they can go to Russia with their letters of admission and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ."

How the Berkeley Stake Conference Impressed One

This brief report of the Berkeley stake conference held Sunday, November 12, 1950, is screened thru the eyes of one sitting in the audience. The reactions of this person as they came to me run somewhat as follows:

I went early so as to get a good seat in the main chapel. The seats behind the "iron curtain" in the recreational hall are not so comfortable. Going early gives one a pleasant opportunity to greet more of the old friends, and to see everyone as they come in. The day was fair and the attendance large; in fact, it was announced, the largest ever, being 933. I suppose we will really need that stake tabernacle.

The Mormon Male Chorus is a fine looking lot of men, and their presence and music added much to the conference in elevating the feelings, and adding diversity to the sessions. Their selections were magnificent. I understand that the chorus could stand some more recruits in order to grow to about fifty in number. If I were blessed with a voice, I would take delight in the association with that excellent band of singers. I suppose their numbers will be readily supplied when it is known they will accept new members.

When the visiting brethern from Salt Lake City entered the hall, the interest seemed to spread. I thought how wonderful that Elder Levi Edgar Young still looks so like his name, young. He must be well over seventy. His round face and his infectious smile like a full moon delighted everyone. In his sermons he stopped to talk to some little girls on the front row. I suppose they were showing a bit of natural restless-

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EUGENE AND RUTH HILTON CALLED TO BRITISH MISSION

The surprise of the year, perhaps, comes with the last minute news that Patriarch Eugene Hilton, formerly Oakland stake president, and his wife, Ruth, have been called to fill a full-time mission in the British Mission.

In a telephone conversation with Elder Hilton we learn the call came Monday, Nov. 27, and that they are to report at the Mission Home on Jan. 22, 1951. They will take with them their daughter, Patricia, who has just completed her high school work and is ready for college. If she is not also called to fill a mission when they get to Britian she plans to enter an English university.

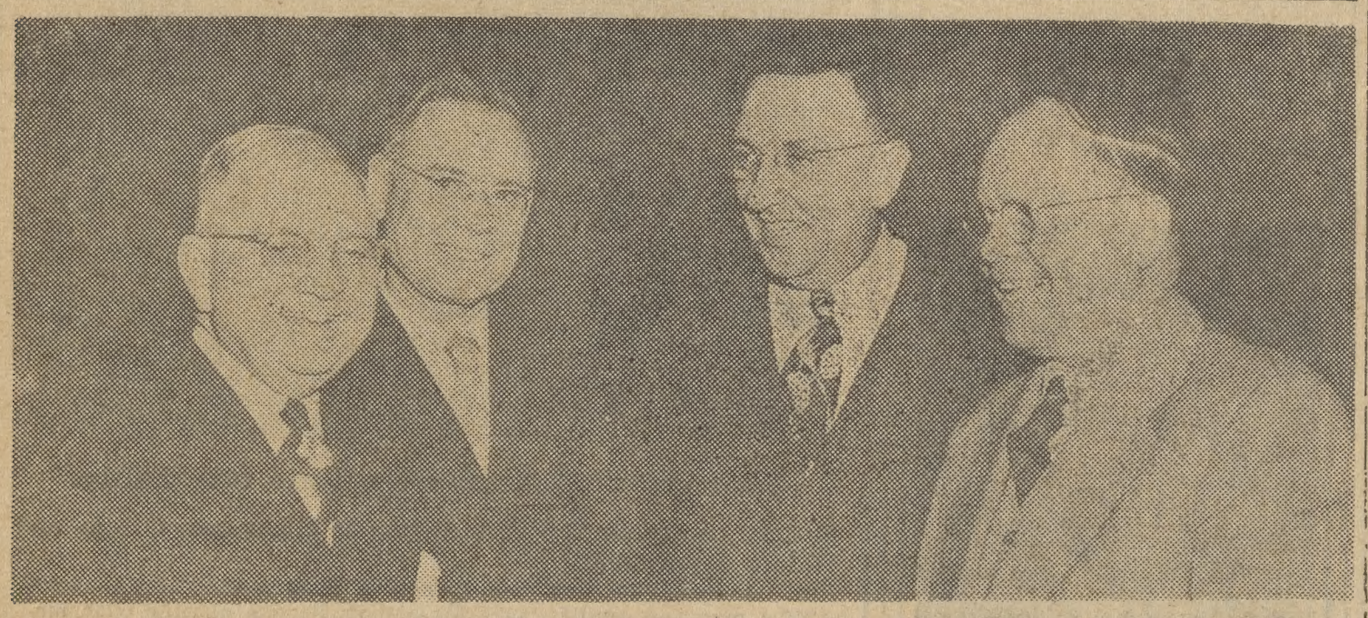
Brother Hilton said that they will sell their large house and their automobile but keep the home next to their residence which they now rent. They hope to be home and make a home for their son, George, when he returns from his mission to Tahiti. Eugene has retired from the Oakland school system. He has a few years yet before the required retirement age, but would be very short when he returns. The date of the Hiltons' farewell party will be announced in the January Messenger.

John Soelberg Dies

John Soelberg, former Oakland stake high councillor, high priest group leader, teacher training instructor, former missionary and currently principal of the great McClymonds high school in Oakland, died November 25 in a local hospital. His funeral was one of the largest ever held in Berkeley ward. The body was taken to Grantsville, the family home, for burial.

This great public school and church teacher and preacher was gifted with a most genial and kindly temperament, an understanding mind, great patience with youth, and an infectious smile of good cheer. Along with this went a devout faith and testimony of the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was always at his post of duty. He served as president of the Oakland Kiwanians, and as secretary, and conducted many civic functions.

At his funeral were found scores of his fellow teachers and school administrators of Oakland. William Hicken delivered the funeral sermon, Cornell Jarman related his life history, and Frank Parsons read a series of passages from the Scriptures.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Levi Edgar Young, President of Council of Seven Presidents of Seventy, and Berkeley Stake Presidency Wayne E. Mayhew, first counselor, President W. Glenn Harmon and Doctor Emery R. Ranker, second counselor. This happy photograph was shot at the late Berkeley Stake Conference by the Messenger staff photographer, Edward A. Pyle, Berkeley First ward, whose photography business on Solano Avenue is fast becoming one of our busiest one-man establishments. The stake presidency and Elder Young were in a very happy mood, as one can plainly see. Everyone soon comes to feel that way through the contagious, kindly joyousness that radiates from our great church leader, university educator and western historian, Levi Edgar Young. He grows younger instead of older, it seems.

New Bishopric for Walnut Creek Wd.

On Nov. 19 Walnut Creek ward was presented with a new bishopric and Bishop Jensen and counsellors were given an honorable release with a hearty vote of thanks for the marvelously faithful services over the years.

Robert G. Larsen, currently a member of the stake high council, was sustained as bishop with counsellors Alma Uffens and Keith Ronald Oakes, son of Harry Oakes, the great chorister and church worker of Pittsburg ward. No change was made in the ward clerk's office.

Too much praise cannot be given the outgoing bishopric nor too much welcome to the incoming bishopric. More excellent characters cannot be found in the stake. Walnut Creek ward is highly favored with its most alert membership and leaders, and great promise as one of the coming leaders in size and devotion to the gospel among the wards of the stake. This section of the stake is enjoying a more rapid population and building growth than in the more settled sections.

Messenger Directory Accepted Favorably

The first annual Messenger business and professional directory was delivered by the Winn Printing company and mailed out by the Messenger staff during the week of Nov. 20. 3300 copies were distributed.

Already there is evidence the directory is being used by the local colony in calling upon the local LDS business houses for various services. Many Christmas gifts can be found in this way.

It is hoped this practice will become more and more common until the directory slogan will have been achieved, "Include the local LDS business and professional members within the circle of your patronage even tho it entails some little change in routine on your part."

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Martinez Ward

I have been asked to contribute a monthly item to the Messenger on behalf of Martinez Ward. It is rather difficult to leave out news from our Ward Newsletter in order that such a contribution will not be a duplication. However, two outstanding happenings of general interest are here reported. One is that we have learned that on November 1 Don Robison not only gained recognition in the football field, but was initiated into the Inter-Fraternity Scholastic Honor Society. He was one of only twenty top scholars who could boast a higher than two point grade average.

A unique program was presented by the Seventies on November 26 in the Ward Chapel. Perhaps to Wards that have missionaries in the field, a Farewell for a Missionary would not be unique, but it is certainly wonderful when there is no missionary—only a future hope and the beginning of a Missionary Fund. Bishop Evenson gave an outline of this financial assistance plan. Elder Joseph Cutler, District President of the Northern California Stakes' Mission, opened the program with the song, "Our Father Which Art in Heaven," accompanied by his aunt, Natalie Sant. First Counselor, Owen Cook, gave an excellent talk based on his own experience as amissionary. Bro. James Carrier gave many of the interesting incidents from his life in the missionary field in Argentina, South America. Elder Fulmer, a missionary from Delta, Utah, gave his testimony and personal happiness in the mission field. The few hours spent in the Chapel sped by so rapidly that we were all amazed when time for the closing prayer drew near. Elder Cutler again rendered a beautiful baritone solo, "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," accompanied by his aunt. This is an evening long to be remembered. Let's get behild our Bishopric and the Seventies and SWELL that Missionary Fund.

Another item is brought to mind. The Fund raising plan for the Welfare Budget under the guidance of Bro. Robert Nelson has met with great success. Various families are giving dinners in their homes at $5.00 per couple. Not only is this a remunerative dinner, but it has aided greatly in bringing together members of the Ward in social contacts which are being enjoyed by all attending the dinners. Several more dinners are planned, and it is hoped that every family in the Ward will eventually have participated in a Welfare dinner.

Dennis Sells His Car

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San Leandro Ward

SAN LEANDRO WARD CHAPEL IN FINAL STAGES

On or before its fourth birthday, the San Leandro Ward plans to dedicate its new home—an adequate, comfortable and attractive chapel at 250 Juana Street in the heart of San Leandro.

The property was purchased several months ago at a cost of $20000, which amount included a valuable piece of land 100 x 143 feet, a church building and a parsonage, as well as furnishings and equipment

A remodeling program was immediately entered into with Bro. Ruegg acting as architectural advisor. The chapel proper which originally accommodated approximately 200 persons now has a seating capacity of 275—and, the writer might add, with walnut benches and plush cushions. It has been freshly painted, newly carpeted and lends a very desirable and reverent atmosphere.

Mothers with small children have had made available for them the adjoining Relief Society room with glass doors and loud speaker equipment, also completely carpeted. Thru this means they may see and hear those participating in the services and yet feel assured that their child will not be disturbing to others.

Ten Sunday School classes are easily taken care of in the church building itself. However, plans are underway to convert the "parish" into a Junior Sunday School and Primary Building.

Bro. Eli K. Ferguson, a member of the San Leandro Ward, has acted as general contractor for the project and has donated endless hours of his time, as, of course, have many of the men of the Ward. The ladies have added strength and encouragement and increased the man-hours of labor by serving meals each Saturday as well as many evening dinners. The ladies also are responsible for the beautiful draw draperies seen in the recreation hall.

The Relief Society room is still to be furnished and the property to be landscapped and fenced. These things, together with a few finishing touches on the inside will complete the building for dedication.

The San Leandro building program has done a great deal to increase active membership in the Ward. It has also caused interest and curiosity among San Leandrans as a whole. The "Mormons" now are definitely a part of San Leandro and have been highly spoken of on several occasions because of their industry and accomplishment in this regard.

The San Leandro Bishopric invites you to visit the building at any time and enjoy an hour of worship with them in their new surroundings.

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

At this season of the year the Bishopric of the San Leandro Ward desires to thank you for the help and assistance you have given to the church.

We are nearing he end of a year of great accomplishments in San Leandro. We have been the object of much comment by the people in the community. The renovating work we have done on our buildings, the industry and willingness to give of our time and means has brought forth many favorable comments and compliments. I am sure that we all feel happy in what we have been able to do and now as we approach the end of the year we are also nearing the end of our building program. This should encourage us. However, for the future and if we can have the same cooperation and unity during 1951, that we have had this year, we will continue to have joy and success in our Ward activities.

We also trust that with the hustle and bustle that comes with Christmas, we may still, in our homes, enjoy a true Christmas spirit. We hope the mothers and fathers will impress on their families the deep spiritual significance of the birth of the Savior into the world. If this Christmas message is made plain and understandable, it will add a great deal to the enjoyment of this season of the year.

May each of us have happiness this Christmas, and the choicest blessings of the Lord during the coming year, is our sincere prayer.—San Leandro Ward Bishopric.

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Pittsburg Ward

THORA ASTLE, Reporter

The Finance Program of the Pittsburg Ward is now rolling ahead under the efficient leadership of Sister Mildred Gibbs. Sister Gibbs has a tough job ahead of her, but the ward is confident that she is the one to spark this program, for in all the years she has been a member of this ward she has never refused an assignment, nor made a failure of it once she had accepted the responsibility. The entire Gibbs family, who reside in Antioch, have always been steadfast supporters of all of the church programs. Bro. Gibbs is at the present time Second Counselor in the Bishopric. Sister Gibbs has many times made the statement that "the Lord never asks us to do a thing but what he makes it possible for us to do it," and if the varied and successful activities of the Gibbs family within our Ward and Stake are any criterion this statement is surely true. To the Gibbs family, and to those like them, whose numbers are legion, we extend our sincere gratitude.

Several very successful Senior Fireside Meetings have been held recently and plans are under way to reactivate the Junior Fireside. These groups will, in the future, meet bi-monthly, on alternate Sundays, to facilitate transportation and location problems.

The Pittsburg Ward is now the proud possessor of a first class juke box, said box being a great improvement over the phonograph-loudspeaker arrangement used previously.

Bro. Kenneth Porter, First Counselor in the Bishopric, and his family were recently called to Utah because of the death of Bro. Porter's father. Bro. and Sister Wayn Wilcox also turned to Utah because of the sudden passing of Sister Wilcox's mother, Mrs. Henry Haynes.

Rosella Johnson was recently elected Presidentof the Gleaner Class of the MIA, with Letha Wilcox Counselor and Monica Staley, secretary.

Bro. Edward Scott, Jr., who is filling a mission in Sweden, wrote recently advising that he had taken part in the Centennial Program of the Church in that area, marking one hundred years since the first missionaries came to Sweden. He stated that "for the centennial all of the missionaries from all over Sweden came to Stockholm to participate. An exhibition was held for two weeks in one of the best exhibit halls in Stockholm. Over sixteen thousand people came to it, and missionaries, acting as guides, explained the complete history of the Church—finally a big conference was held with Apostle Widtsoe flying in from England to speak."

Through efforts made by Bro. Harold Magleby, enough double-strength glass was donated to the Ward to complete the mother's room at the rear of the chapel, so that harried mothers and their active infants may now sit in comfort and both see and hear the services, without the fear that they may be disturbing others. Your reporter is especially grateful for this room, as many times most of the value of the meetings has been lost due to the necessity of taking the children out of the chapel to avoid creating a disturbance.

8th Elders' Quorum Projects and Plans

The newly formed 8th quorum of elders living in the Martinez and Pittsburg wards, Daniel W. Drumiler, president, Jack A. Roskelly, first counselor and James Busby, secretary, have issued their Vol. I, Chapt. I, mimeod newsletter.

A non-seasonal project has been chosen by the quorum—bookbinding. The newsletter says "You no doubt have books with dog-eared corners, loose sections, torn backs, mutilated covers, etc. If so, let us get them and fix them. Perhaps you have some National Geographics, Improvement Eras, S. S. lesson manuals, etc., that you would like bound for future reference. Let's get to work on them." For details write to Dan Drumiler, 1404 Date St., Martinez.

The walnut project was a success. The quorum has 140 pounds of good walnuts for sale at 20c per pound.

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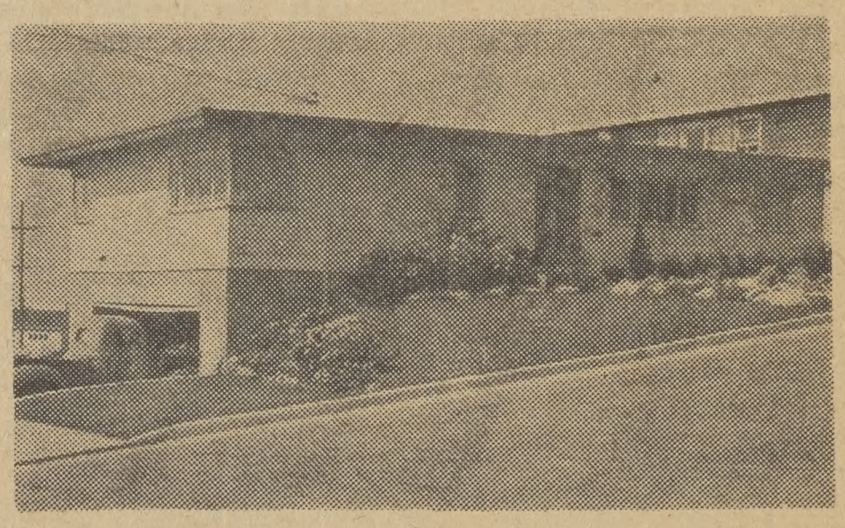
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Korean Diary

By DAVID PINCKNEY.

Sept. 16, 1950. A lot has happened. The Marines have landed; have worked long hours. Reveille today at 3:45 a.m. Our squadron has most flight time in and will receive special recognition. We broke Navy time record of efficiency in nailing down the target. Yesterday was pay day. I sent $50 to add to my college budget. I miss Alameda and all of you. The United States is really terrific compared to the rest of the world.

Sept. 19. We are giving direct support to the 1st Division in the Inchon Beachhead. Today our planes straffed and took a heavy enemy toll as they tried to swim the Hon River. We were in that heavy typhoon that hit Japan—rough walking. Cold; issued us sweaters.

Sept. 25. Last night after loading seven planes with four, five-inch rockets a piece, we received word to take them off and replace with six-inch ram-head rockets. These are really effective against tanks. Good word this morning that our forces are only 80 miles apart. Lifting rockets strengthens one's back and arm muscles. We send an average of six strikes of four to six planes per day. Mom, when I come home have the "frigid" full of good old cow's milk—we get it powdered.

Sept. 26. Mail! I received 17 letters. We pulled into Inchon to refuel. Here the islands are rocky and bare. Japan is green and beautiful. The harbor is full of ships and the rumble of big guns can be heard in the distance. All is not calm.

Sept. 28. The tide is very strong here four miles off shore where we are anchored. It's a 28' tide and runs just like a river. It's hard to believe until you have seen it. Received a nice letter from President Hilton today.

Sept. 30. Today I got off the ship to a landing craft to unload belly gas tanks. Add this $25 to my college fund.

Oct. 7. In Sasebo Harbor, 3½ miles off Fleet's landing, the Missouri, Valley Forge, Philippine Sea, Helena, Rochester and Badoeng, our sister ships, are anchored close; a British carrier, English and American destroyers, plus merchant ships. Well, the whole 7th fleet. Yesterday I walked on land; first time after 31 days at sea; first steps were hard, I nearly stumbled. I bought a Japanese lesson book and am trying to learn the language.

Oct. 11. Went souvenir hunting; beautiful Japanese silk pajamas for Mom and fishing poles for Dad and George. These merchants are slick operators. I walked through the markets; what a smell! Wow, what dirty food! Was I glad to get out of there! The streets are mud lakes, sometimes six inches deep. We wear field shoes on liberty.

Oct. 13. I was lucky enough yesterday to go with the Chaplin to Nagasaki, 60 miles away over rough, dirt roads. Beautiful green valleys and mountains and a lake. We saw the wreckage where the atom bomb exploded. The town proper was nicer than Sasebo. Ate dinner at Nagasaki Hotel. You could drink the soup in one gulp. They would throw a person in jail in USA for catching such a small lobster as we were served. The steak was a mite bigger than a dollar. The Japs must have small appetites!

Oct. 17. Today we are off the coast of Korea again. Loaded planes with rockets tonight so they will be going over in the morning. Had liberty and Sgt. Olheim and I climbed a mountain, saw the harbor, sea, city, etc., from that high vantage point.

Oct. 20. Did you read October 14th Colliers—the story about Capt. Thach and his Phantom Carrier? Well, that was us. We have made a record! Am debating whether to shave my prize mustache. It's just long enough to bother me when I eat. Our planes are flying patrol; they carry no rockets so we have more leisure now.

October 26. At sea. At last my first package arrived from you. Can't tell where they are all being held. Wrote to President Vinal Mauss. Lineup for typhus shots; always something. The joke book you made up, Mom, is good.

Oct. 29. Another package and the harmonica and gum. Probably the boys will take it from me (the harmonica) to shut me up. Received a nice letter from Bishop Tys Winkel.

Oct. 30. We're really enjoying the candy, Mom; thanks from all the boys. I think of you a lot. I'l be on mess duty in November, but will make the best of it and get a lot to eat. Guess they're trying to acclimate us; we have eaten rice the last three nighs. Did you go to church tomorrow? ha! ha! (There is 17½ hours difference in time).

Queer, Interesting Things in Japan

Told by Armand Mauss whose father, Vinal Mauss, is serving as resident of the LDS Japanese Mission.

Arman is now employed by the occupation forces as "Editor-Analyst" with the army Technical Intelligence Department. As soon as repatriated Japanese soldiers who have been all this while held in Russia laboring and being "indoctrinated," land in Japan, they are visited by the U. S. Army Intelligence and asked where they worked, in what kind of industry, where, and what it produced, etc.

Armand is enrolled in the Sophia University in Tokyo, a Jesuit Catholic institution fully accredited in the U. S. He is enrolled in the night classes. He has also been teaching English two nights a week at the Mission Home to Japanese, and finds that some of these students are attending the LDS Sunday School where Armand also teaches them the Gospel.

Armand says that his father and mother are busier and happier than they have ever been in their lives, and enjoying good health.

Street meetings go over big in Japan. Crowds gather immediately ,helping the Elders to get up their PA system, and their lanterns on bamboo poles. "Street Car Meetings" are an innovation. When riding on the overcrowded cars, the Elder will engage a few Japanese in conversation regarding the Gospel, and half the car of people crane their necks to listen. Converts are flocking in, not just "fair-weather" saints, but are very sincerely devoted to the wonderful Gospel message, and all these activities we have in our organizations for development.

The Welfare Program has been of great benefit to the Japanese saints. They are grateful beyond expression to the American saints for things sent, and now are working on local projects and saving for local chapels soon to be built, it's hoped. Arman Mauss is president of the Tokyo service men's branch of the church, and says many similar branches are organized in other cities.

FORGOTTEN RELIGIONS

The religions of Japan have become, in large part, rituals and symbols. They do not know why they believe as they do, except that their parents had the same belief.

Armand was appointed by the Sophia University a representative at the Japanese-American Student Conference in Tokyo, an annual affair. Assigned to the politics section he found that communism is very unpopular, and has few proponents among students.

Richmond Ward

BISHOP'S MESSAGE

During the fall months there are so many things to do that we hardly know where to turn. Yet we do wish to be grateful for the peaceful Thanksgiving Day just past, and for the Spirit that fills our being as we gave thanks to our Father in Heaven for the countless blessings—yes, grateful for this Promised Land, for our heritage, for the restored Gospel, for our testimony that God lives and that He has restored the Gospel to the earth for the last time.

We are truly a blessed people. And O, how we thank the Lord for letting us serve as the bishop of Richmond ward!

May we rejoyce with you during the Christmas season. We send to you greetings, and best wishes that peace and love may fill your lives, and that together we will strive earnestly to keep in tune with the Spirit of the Lord, and share in building the Kingdom of God on earth as in Heaven.

There can be no greater joy come into our lives than to have a testimony of this wonderful work. The Gospel is for you and for me. It is the only law of complete equality. It is given to all the Lord's children that they might have life wherein there is no death.

The happiest people on earth are the Latter-day Saints who love the Gospel in its fullness; whether they be rich or poor, their lives are rich and full of the Spirit of the Lord.

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How the Berkeley Stake Conference Impressed One

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ness which he, a born teacher, sensed. His smile and tender inflections as he encouraged them were very Christ-like. I thought, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

I had heard of Brother LeRoy A. Wirthlin, the new member of the Church General Welfare Committee, and I wondered if he would look like his brother of the presiding Bishopric. In size he does, but not much in face.

I enjoyed his addresses, saying "In the day of plenty prepare for the day of scarcity," and that the leaders counsel to all the saints is to maintain a year's supply ahead, produced by each household or exchanged with those who have so produced. Thus the store shelves will not be raided.

I thought that Elder Wayne Mayhew's address was very well developed. Elder Mayhew quoted, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only," adding that they who do not the works—do not attend church, pay tithes and offerings, and fast and live according to the Welfare program, nor do the other commandments soon fall away. Great are the rewards, he said, that await the doers. "All that my Father hath," and they shall "receive of the good things of the earth."

Doctor Ranker's talk was very spiritual and deeply sincere and devotional. I felt his spirit, and believe the audience did also as he said, "The love of God must become eternal in the human soul, because love resides eternal in the heart of God." One must seek and gain a personal testimony, a personal witness by the Holy Ghost. LDS families are for this purpose to teach and lead the children upward in the Gospel. For this reason marriage is eternal. Saints mean the sanctified ones who have the gifts of the Holy Ghost; they are beings of power and security.

Elder Young impressed me when he quoted the great poet Carl Sandberg, the author of the monumental many-volumned history of Lincoln, as saying to Elder Young when in Utah, " I believe someone will yet spend sixty years, as I did on Lincoln, and then write a history of Joseph Smith."

His story of the great sculptor, Dallin, a Utahan, son of a faithful LDS mother, but of a non-Mormon father, the sculptor of the angel Moroni statute on the Salt Lake temple was very moving; how he was asked by his mother to visit President Woodruff and offer to do the work; how the president asked him to create a figure of the angel flying through the mist of heaven, and Dallin replied, "But, President. I don't believe in angels" and the reply of the president, "you should believe in angels. God bless you."

Dallin then told his mother of this conversation, and she said to him that he had said in one of his letters to her, "I love you, my angel," whereupon Dallin went back to President Woodruff and agreed to make the figure. Dallin lived to age 87 in the East, a clean, upright man, a fine character.

The Home is the Seed Bed of Mormonism

President W. Glenn Harmon pointed out it is upon the home that the necessity and importance of teaching the gospel devolves. The ultimate duty of gospel development in the souls of the coming generation rests and must always rest, upon the fathers and the mothers in the homes of the church.

Elder Harmon stressed the fundamental fact that this duty and glorious opportunity cannot be discharged by the home unless first the parents themselves know and live and love the principles and history of the gospel. He plead for home scripture reading as a habit in the family circle.

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affair. The very capable Viola Stam handled the decorations.

SPECIAL INTEREST DANCE

And at the Elmhurst Ward on the same evening, with the theme "Autumn Mist" being brightly depicted with outstanding decorations, the Special Interest group enjoyed the treat of their lives.

Murray Peterson and his Orchestra cooperated fully in furnishing music for the semi-formal affair—carrying on an enjoyable song-fest at one stage of the dance. Intermission was well filled with music by some young fellows (non-members) who called themselves "The Downbeats" (a quartette) and a steel guitar player. Paul Thompson acted as the MC, while Sherlene Webster was the chairman for very successful entertainment. Alameda Ward won the door prize for the best percentage of members in attendance.

HARVEST BALL

A fitting prelude to Thanksgiving day turkey dinners came the joint-stake semi-formal Harvest Ball held in the Scottish Rites Auditorium Wednesday evening, November 22.

Oakland stake acted as the host with Alex Olszowka participating as the general chairman for the annual affair. Sherlene Webster and Jim Call were responsible for the beautifully decorated refreshments table and the refreshments. Music was by Norval Knight's Orchestra.

SQUARE DANCES

We still invite and encourage you to attend the Square Dancing held every other Saturday night in the Elmhurst Ward Recreation Hall. The next night will be Dec. 2; then the 16th, and so on. Dancing begins at 8:30 and instructions are being given by representatives of the Oakland Recreation Department.

Dr. Pearce Nelson was recently called to fill the position of Music Director and Dan Bodily has replaced Chester Olson as M Men Manual Counselor.

CALENDAR EVENTS FOR THE FUTURE

Dec. 29—Special Interest Dance at Elmhurst Ward.

Dec. 29—A winter formal dance to be held in the Alameda Ward for all those under Special Interest.

Jan 5—Road show to be held in two sections ,one in the Alameda Chapel and the other in the Elmhurst Chapel.

Apostle Kimball Tells Why Church Weddings Were Done Away With

Every blessing comes because of faithfulness. Be humble, be prayerful, get the spirit of this great work that is before you people here. God wants no pomp and show, just work and humility. Church weddings were done away with because of the worldly ways we were aping pomp and show, ceremony and candles in too many cases.

Marriage is a sacred ordinance and should be kept that way. When baptism and the blessing of our babies becomes a ritual of pomp and show they will be taken out of the Church. But they are sacred ordinances' and must remain that way.

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The November 22 meeting of the Liahona Club heard one of the most arresting addresses imaginable when Louis J. Biegel of the Alameda Naval Air Station talked on Industrial Mobilization in event of war. You have no idea how thoroughly the armed forces' leaders are prepared to avoid the errors of the last war by pre-war plans now on hand, for short-cutting industry into war production, freezing labor, drawing women into industrial plants and their speedy training to take over the men's places and jobs through the simplified outlines of each and every industrial job now available at the Naval Station. It was a down-to-earth, realistic presentation, a real challenge.

Likewise the brief, snappy address by Don Wood, Jr., on the technique of the Refinoil process, its rationale, and demonstrated superiority, its tests for viscosity and flash point—all this was as interesting as it was enlightening. Everyone present received a quart sealed can of Refinol.

David Ream's piano rendition of the classic Finlandia was wondrously well done. Liahona club pins were presented to a number of new members.

"BUILD AND DEDICATE LIAHONA LODGE BY JULY 24, 1951."

Working towards this adopted club slogan the meeting set up a campaign committee to get in the necessary "war" finances for the early spring drive to complete the Liahona Lodge by the great LDS anniversary day ,July 24. The matter of tieing up the necessary lumber in good time and having it properly dried and ready for prompt delivery on the job at required intervals was discussed. Architect Ruegg was present and will have the plans ready for a really beautiful structure within the limits of available finances.

Nominations for '51 officers resulted in a list to be voted upon at the January meetings of the Club: President, A. D. Erickson; first vice president, (chairman of membership), Elmo Smith, C. Ronald Smith, Sam Scott, Herb Van Noy; second vice president, (chairman of activity and programs), Dennis Lauper, Sid Feller; Secretary, Preston Ericksen, Dennis Lauper; Treasurer, Arthur L. Hopkins, Clarence Aiken and Charles Mills.

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Berkeley Stake Calendar and News

Berkeley Stake Calendar, December, 1950.

Sat. Dec. 9—Two-stake ward teaching convention, 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 16—Priesthood Leadership Meeting ....7:30 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 25—Christmas Ball, M Men-Gleaners
Jr. M Men and Jr. Gleaners, Berkeley....8:30 p.m.

Calendar for January, 1951

Wednesday, Jan. 3—Stake Family Night, Berkeley .....7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 12—Lucky Clover Dance, Richmond .....8:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 15—Stake MIA Leadership Meeting, Vallejo ....7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan 20—Priesthood Leadership Meeting, Berk.....7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 26—Junior M Men and Junior Gleaner Special
Event and Party, Vallejo .....8:00 p.m.

DIVISION OF BERKELEY STAKE SEEMS ONE STEP NEARER

Just as the Messenger went to press it was learned that two of the members of the Twelve Apostles will spend two days, January 6 and 7, 1951, in this region confering with the stake authorities and the ward members likely to be effected by the change and formation of a new stake north of Carquinez Straights. Vallejo will likely be the place of the membership meetings and the conferences with the local leaders.

It appears that the proposed new stake will take in Vallejo, the Carquinez and Napa wards and the Fairfield Branch and also the Santa Rosa District of the Northern California Mission which includes the area as far north as Ukiah and Willits and also the Clear Lake region.

The population affected would include about 1600 to 1800 in the Berkeley stake and 1300 to 1400 members of the Santa Rosa District of the mission. This would give the proposed new stake about 3000 members, and would leave Berkeley Stake with about 3500 or a little more.

If we may be allowed a comment: this probable creation of a northern stake centering about Napa would seem to be the fulfillment of some sort of a dream and hope of such leaders in the area affected as High Councilman John L. Murdock. John L. has bruitted this idea about in stake circles for many years, even tho many thought it the wildest of notions. Then again, we cannot fail to note that this change will tend to create Napa as a natural church center for the great wheel of the northern area to turn about and a place that might conceivably become in time the home of a new stake tabernacle.

The possibilities for growth and development of the Lord's work in that marvelous and beautiful region north of the Carquinez Straights is thrilling indeed, and the Messenger looks forward to a pleasant role in serving its humble part in this future ferment of vital upward swerve in spreading the great Latter-day Work in this paradise of progress to the north.

Elders' Quorum Have Blood Bank

The elders of Berkeley Second ward have a blood bank. The account name of the blood bank is "Berkeley Ward LDS Church." For appointments one may call GL 2-2840. Appointment hours are Monday and Thursday, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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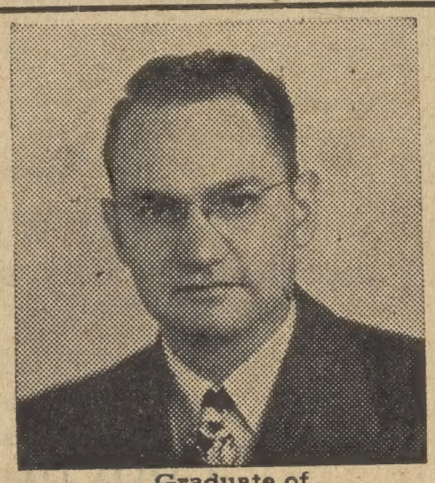

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The First Governor of California Knew Joseph Smith and Describes Him In His Memoirs

Peter H. Burnett, California's first Governor had a unique acquaintance with the Prophet Joseph Smith, Jr. Governor Burnett's memoirs, written almost a half century after those history-making years, 1838 to 1839, in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, have some lucid and interesting facts. The Centennial Edition of this autobiography under title of "An Old California Pioneer" (Sullivan, 1949) is well worth reading.

Peter H. Burnett began the practice of law in Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, a raw, rough frontier, in the autumn of 1838. One of his first cases was concerned with an incompatability between other settlers and some Mormons. Burnett won the case by convicting the Mormons of "destroying property." As a member of the Clay County militia he went against the Mormons in Caldwell County. He as there when the Mormon leaders surrendered to the mob and military authorities. Of that shocking incident, Governor Burnett says:

"After the surrender of the Mormon leaders, I understood that a proposition was seriously made, and earnestly pressed, in the councli of officers to ty these prisoners by court martial and if found guilty execute them. Doniphan vehemently opposed this on the grounds that these men never had belonged to a military organization. Therefore, they could have violated no military law and the law of the soldier did not apply in this case." Burnett continues, "I assured Doniphan he was RIGHT, also that I and others from Clay County would uphold him in the decision he had made. I sincerely believe that the Mormon prisoners would have been summarily tried, condemned to death, and executed had it not been for Doniphan."

Governor Burnett continues in his memoirs:

"The Mormon prisoners were charged with treason ,arson and robbery allegedly committed in Davis county. Judge King bound them over to the Circuit Court which would be convened six months later (March, 1839). Mob violence was feared in Davis County so the prisoners were incarcerated in Liberty, Clay County, jail.

....The Mormons first settled in Jackson County, Missouri, in an orderly manner in 1833. They did not see eye to eye with other settlers on national issues, particularly the slave question. When Jackson County expelled the Mormons they had taken refuge in Clay County. As their number increased they spread into Ray, Davis, and even the prairie county of Caldwell. The county as a unit wielded much political power in the state at that time. Mormons were united, thrifty and builded for permanency. They made rapid improvements. They demanded the right to vote. They outnumbered other settlers in certain counties. This made for inharmony with some prejudiced groups. Governor Burnett says, "The people of Davis County (who were rather rude and ungovernable, mostly backwoodsmen) resented having the Mormons vote. . . . They made up their minds that the Mormons should not vote in the August, 1838 election. . . . This incident was the torch which ignited the smoldering resentment which blazed in mob violence against the Mormons who resorted to arms to defend themselves. . . . This in turn brought about the calling of the state militia."

Early in 1839 William A. Doniphan, Amos Rees and Peter H. Burnett (first Governor of California) all Liberty lawyers, were employed as council for Joseph Smith, Jr., Lyman Wight and other Mormons held in Liberty jail. This council's first move was to liberate the prisoners on a writ of habeas corpus. Burnett writes, "We (the council) knew we were in imminent danger. The people were so incensed against the Mormons. We apprehended that we may be mobbed, the prisoners forecably seized, and hung. . . . We (the council) all were against the mobs, as the worst form of irresponsibility and tyranny. . . . We therefore determined to do our duty to our clients at all hazards . . . if it became necessary to give our lives, we would sell them as dearly as possible. . . . We armed ourselves, as did some of our intimate circle of friends. The judge was a fearless man. He opened court." Burnett continues: "I made the opening speech. The District Attorney replied. Doniphan made the closing argument. Just as he arose to speak I whispered to him, 'Doniphan! Let yourself out, my good fellow, and I will kill the first man that attacks you'. He did let himself out, and gave one of the most eloquent withering speeches I have ever heard. . . . The maddened crowd foamed and gnashed its teeth, only to make him more intrepid. All the time I sat within six feet of him, with my hand on my pistol, determined to do what I had promised him."

In March, 1839, when District Court in Davies County was convened the Mormons (except Sidney Rigdon) were returned under heavy guard for the empanneling of the Grand Jury. Court was held in a dirty little log school house about twenty-five feet square. Despite the spring thaw and the mud great crowds gathered. We all knew the prisoners were in extreme danger. They certainly knew it. The judge's desk was in one corner of the room. Council for the Mormons slept on a crude bed in the opposite corner. Burnett, after describing the muddy floor and filth, says:

"I slept in this room with the prisoners and had an opportunity to observe the prisoners and see what went on. They seldom slept. They talked incessently." They even discoursed in a friendly manner with the guards of their skirmishes with such expressions as "you got us at (naming some place) but we evened it with you at (again naming some place)." By consent of the prisoners, many citizens came in to converse and talked most of the night.

"Two preachers had a theological argument with Smith. He invariably silenced them, sooner or later. They were men of ordinary capacity. Smith saw their objections before they would raise against his theory, and was prepared accordingly.

"Joseph Smith, Jr., was at least six feet tall, well formed, weighing about 180 pounds; in appearance not prepossessing; of only ordinary conversational ability,

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YMMIA; Ardell Kay, president, YWMIA; Marion Gold, secretary; Eva Harker, age-group counselor; Helen Burdett, activity counselor; Natalie Sant, Jr. Leader; Rhean Harker, Bee Keeper; Gunnar Larson, Special Interest Supervisor; and Richard Coltrin, Scouting Supervisor.

Each officer was presented with a small token of the esteem in which they were held by Ward and Stake officers. The presentation was made by President W. Glenn Harmon with a response by Harold Gaisford.

Arrangements for the affair were in charge of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association officers. Hot cider and cookies were served. Following the reception all attended the Oakland-Berkeley Stakes' Harvest Ball at the Scottich Rite auditorium.

Frank Millward Writes from Okinawa

Frank Millward, Claremont young serviceman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Millward, writes from "the garden spot of the Pacific," as he calls Okinawa, the day after Thanksgiving. That made him say how thankful is he for his parents' teachings that help to keep him from the evils that he sees so often about him in which others excuse themselves for indulging.

"We have LDS services on the Island every Sunday, thirty in attendance . . . going to Church is one thing that I look forward to each week." And he adds, "I only hope that some day I might go on a mission for the Church and help spread the Gospel."

He refers to "those two and one-half minute talks I tried so hard to get out of giving." And he reflects, "It might seem funny, but how I wish now I could be back home now giving one of those talks and seeing all your smiling faces."

Frank signs off, "One of MacArthur's Little Helpers."

Young Nico Snel Accepted by Oakland Symphonic Orchestra

An honor has come to Nico Snel the son of our local talented composer, teacher and leader, Nico D. Snel.

Young Nico has become a first violinist among the professional violinists playing in the Oakland Symphony orchestra. The youth has received all his instruction from his gifted father, and is also an honor student at the Ascalanes high school in Lafayette.

Hayward Ward

The ward was much grieved with two deaths in our midst. Sister Jean Lindsay, the daughter of Bro. and Sister Clyde Lindsay died November 10 after a long and difficult illness. Many friends from near and far came to pay their last respects. Bro. Gourdain McClasky died November 13 at the Linda Honda rest home. Bro. McClesky, only 28 years old, is survived by a wife, Beverly, and three beautiful little girls. Also of our ward Hogn Mayers was called with his family to Los Angeles by the death of his father; Bro. Cappy Williams was called to Utah by the death of his father.

October 10 a bouncing baby boy was born to Dick and Margery Nelson. This is their second son.

Connie Davis, the daughter of Ed and Jennie Rerry, was married November 30 to Ronald Berryman. They will live in Castro Valley.

Betty Sargent and her little girl Jerry Lee are both in the hospital with a protracted illness. Betty is the daughter of Bro. and Sister Elbert Brown.

Ernest Goettling won the Caterpillar Tractor striped bass derby. He caught one at 23 pounds and one at 19 pounds. The prize was $30.00. Bros. Ed Elliott, Rodman Wilson and Russell Stuart were ordained to the Aaronic Priesthood to the office of Teacher. These three brothers are all new converts.

Because a Sunday School has been organized in Centerville, taking our Superintendent, Clyde Lindsay, it was necessary to re-arrange our Sunday School. Bro. Orval Astler is now superintendent with Walter Graff and Wilfrey Murray as counselors and Sister La Val Madsen as chorestor.

Our ward was host to the High Priests' turkey dinner. Two hundred thirty-five (235) people attended. A very good time was reported.

November 17 a special baptism was held by the traveling Elders wherein Bro. John and Dorthea Barrow, Archie and Charolette Madsen, and Eleanor Cooper were baptized by Elder Lyman. We welcome them as members of the Church and of our ward.

Vivian Nottage, the president of our Fireside, fell on the steps and cut her leg on the footscraper. A cut close to four inches was the result. We're happy it wasn't worse.

ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. William Tanner, his wife Hertha and their four children, have recently moved into our ward. Bro. Tanner graduated from the University of Utah in 1937, majored in chemistry, and obtained his BA degree. He went into the Army in 1941 just after being married. He and his wife were both in Pearl Harbor during the Jap attack. He was in charge of Chemical Warfare at Kauaii. During this time two of their children were born. Dr. Tanner acquired a doctor's degree from the University of California in 1949. While he was in school two more children were born. He accepted a post in the San Francisco Hospital as oral surgeon. He is an oral surgeon of cerebro-palsy with an office at 326 Main street, Hayward, and is also on the staff of the University of California dental school, teaching operative dentistry part time.

As busy as he is, Dr. Tanner takes time to teach our Special Interest class in MIA.

It was President Heber J. Grant who said, "Next to the Bishop, the Scout Master is the most important man in the ward."

Martinez Ward Completes New Bishopric

Raymond E. Everson ,the new bishop of Martinez ward has selected as his counselors Owen Cook and Grant Shaw. Elder Cook has had experience in ward clerk's duties, as well as many other positions, while Grant Shaw has served in many places of responsibility in Church work.

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ELMHURST WARD

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OAKLAND WARD

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SAN LEANDRO WARD

Eli K. Ferguson, district president; De Orr Sorenson, George E. Ewald, Pauline Ewald Ardis Elliott, Robert G. Elliott.

REPORT

Hours spent in active missionary work, 3532· number of copies of the Book of Mormon distributed, 50; number of copies of other Standard Works distributed 19; number of other books distributed, 85; number of tracts and pamphlets distributed, 1236; baptisms as a result of missionary work, 18; inactive members returned to activity, 41; number of candidates for membership, 165.

Napa Ward News

Brother Rex T. Candland, our newest addition to the Bishopric, was born in Mt. Pleasant, Utah, the youngest of three children. His parents are Theo C. and Ella T. Candland who still reside in Mt. Pleasant. After graduating from High School Brother Rex attended Snow College at Ephriam and then the Idaho State University at Pocatello, where he graduated from their School of Pharmacy.

He married Naomi Olson of Emery, Utah, in 1940, and they have three fine children, Pamela 7, Scott 4, and the newest arrival, Kirk, who is just a month old. Brother Rex has been a representative of the Eli Lilly rug Company for six years, and was transferred to Napa in 1947. He first became active in Church affairs after moving to the Napa Ward, where he was made advisor to the Priests' Quorum, and then later as President of the YMMIA. This year he was chosen as second counsellor in the Bishopric, and soon afterwards took his fine family back to Utah where they went through the Mantil Temple. The Napa Ward feels fortunate indeed to have such fine men, and such fine families in the Ward.

Our newest missionary, Sister Marie Nightwine, entered the Mission Home in Salt Lake City September 11 and after completing her training there she arrived in New York City on the 23. Her field of labor is Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and there are only 12 lady missionaries in all of this great city. Sister Marie writes that they hold their street meetings on the steps of the post office building, and how thrilled she was selling her first Book of Mormon at her first street meeting. She and her companion, Lorna Jolley, of Boulder, Nevada, were the highest in their district in tracting hours.

Sister Marie's musical talent has been put to full use in the Mission Field also, as she is asked to play piano solos wherever she goes in her missionary work. She is also accompanist for a rather noted male quartet made up of missionaries from that area, who are called upon often to entertain. Marie is enjoying her work. She finds every minute crammed full, but she is thrilled with every minute of it.

The Annual Relief Society Bazaar held recently was a big success with many people in attendance to take advantage of the **handmade** gifts made by the Relief Society Sisters. A fine program was also offered to those in attendance. Thanks are due Sister Ruth Pell, President of the organization and her fine counsellors.

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FIRST GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA KNEW JOSEPH SMITH AND DESCRIBES HIM IN HIS MEMOIRS

(Continued from page 5)

one saw at a glance his education was limited, but he was by no means an ordinary man! He was possessed of a most indomitable perserverance; he was born to command. He as a good judge of men; his views so strange and striking; his manner so earnest that one could not help but be interested. There was a kind, good, familiar look about him that pleased you. He was courteous in discussion. He had a capacity for discussing a subject in different aspects, and for possessing many original views on even ordinary matters. His illustrations were his own. He had great influence on others. He always had due consideration for the feelings of otherss.

"At Liberty jail within five days Smith had so modified his enemies that he moved among them without fear. Although Sidney Rigdon was a fluent ,eloquent speaker, a man of fine appearance and superior education, he certainly did not have the native intellect of Joseph Smith.

"I remember to have heard of a circumstance which was said to have occurred while the Mormon prisoners were under guard in Davies County. Joseph Smith, Jr., was a very stout athletic man and was skilled as a wrestler. This was known to the men of Davies County. Some of them proposed to Smith that he should wrestle one of their own men. He at first courteously objected, alleging substantially that although he was once in the habit of wrestling, he was now a minister of the Gospel and did not wish to do anything contrary to his duty as such, and that he hoped they would excuse him on that ground. They kindly replied that they did not desire him to do anything contrary to his calling; that they would not bet anything; that it was nothing but a friendly trial of skill and manhood, for the satisfaction of others and to pass away the time pleasantly; and that they hoped he would, under all these circumstances, comply with their request. He consented; they selected the best wrestler among them and Smith threw him several times in succession to the great amusement of those present. Although I did not witness this incident, it was related to me at the time by those who did and I have no doubt of its truth."

The Council for the Mormons secured a change of venue to Boone County and the prisoners were remanded back to Davies County. After some time the prisoners escaped into the State of Illinois. That was Peter H. Barnett's last contact ith Mormons until eleven years later in California.

Peter H. Burnett wrote his memoirs at a mature age after an eventful life at a most romantic period of Amerisan history which included articipation in expansion of the frontier of the United States from ocean to ocean, the acquisition of the "upper California," and the end of the joint occupation of the Oregon Country and the world changing event of the discovery of gold in California.

In 1843 Burnett migrated to Oregon. He immediately went into politics. He authored and promulgated many territorial laws in Oregon. He helped write the laws of California, a state that had no territorial period wherein the legal machinery of the state is often set up and in action when statehood is granted. He became first Governor of that state.

In 1848 the news of the gold strike in California hit the Hawaiian Islands and bounced back to Oregon. Burnett doubted it. His friend, Col. Boone, received a letter from his brother-in-law, ex-governor Lilburn W. Bogg of Missouri. Bogg, the giver of the order to exterminate the Mormons, migrated to California in 1846—(as a part of the train that the Donners left for the Hastings Cutoff)—arriving at Sutter's Fort near October 1, 1846. He became one of the first American Alcaldes of Sonoma, California. Burnett believed the news of the gold strike when he read Bogg's letter. He brought one of the first wagon trains from Oregon to California.

With integrity and sincerety he plunged into the political caldron of California. When certain of the outcome of the Constitutional Convention at Monterey, Burnett announced his candidacy for Governor of the newly created state and was elected.

The first legislature met at San Jose, California, December 15, 1849. Burnett wrote his brief oath of office with his own hand.

By mere coincidence one of Burnett's first acts as Governor concerned the Mormons. Hittell says, "Early in January, 1850, while the legislature was busy at work two delegates from the Mormons of Salt Lake Valley made their appearance and presented an extraordinary proposition. The Mormon people had written a constitution in March, 1849, and in May had organized the State of Deseret. The new state did not have sufficient population to admit it into the Union as a state; however ,they had from fifteen to twenty thousand of their people of Kanesville, Iowa, and perhaps fifteen thousand members from other parts of the world now on their way to the Great Basin.

In August, or September, the people of Deseret had unanimously agreed to send delegates to California requesting that they (the people of Deseret) be temporarily included in any state that might be formed on the west side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Boundary lines should be fixed so that when Desert should have acquired the necessary population, it might then become a state in its own right. The Mormon delegates were instructed to say that the people of Deseret were willing to make any sacrifice for an agreeable understanding with the Californians for in this manner only could they get representation at Washington, D. C.; that the admission of a state of California including Deseret at this time would be beneficial to the Union, and to said state. The request was free and above narrow motives, or self interests.

Because of bad weather and the hazardous terrain, these delegates (who came on horseback from Salt Lake) arrived after the completion of the California Constitutional Convention at Monterey. Therefore, they presented their request at the first session of the first state legislature.

Governor Burnett wrote a communication to both the Senate and the Assembly. This communication was most voluminous, actually longer than the request from the State of Deseret, which included a copy of their constitution.

The Assembly rejected Deseret's request. The Senate "most respectfully" laid the proposition on the table, where it still lies without hope of resurrection.

The book, "An Old California Pioneer" is a fine history of an epoch-making period of the saga of winning the West, a splendid biography of a lawmaker and public servant. It scintillates with phrases written by a lawyer for lawyers.

Burnett was a Protestant until middle life when he embraced the Roman Catholic demonination purely on its claim to authority.

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Mr. and Mrs. Vern Olsen have moved into their new home in El Cerrito. Keep your fingers crossed—YOU may be one of the lucky ones to attend the "House Warming." Vern and Mickey do remember us in Claremont. We love you.

Bishop A. S. Millward had the pleasure December 3, of blessing and naming Paula Dell, the infant daughter of Robert and Reba Hornbeck. You will remember Paula's mother as Reba Thompson Hornbeck who was very active in our MIA about two years ago.

FLYING HI: Fred Riche, that ever-busy member of our Bishopric, is to take a trip to New York City on official business for the U. S. Navy. Fred will leave Berkeley by plane about December 15 hoping to return by December 22—which incidently is his birthday. Be carful in the big city, Fred, but have a pleasant time.

December 18th is the important date for you to look forward to. The Claremont Ward Primary is head over heels in work preparing, for your entertainment, the operetta—"Toyland Fantasy." This operetta, under the direction of Florence Millward and Aneita Hancock, will be different; an evening you will long remember. During the evening there is to be a parcel post sale, a pastry sale where you can pick up many Christmas presents, and Christmas eats, etc. The proceeds will go for our Ward Welfare budget. Please come and help make this Primary undertaking a huge success. Berkeley Ward Chapel is the place; 8:00 o'clock the hour.

Dorothy- Smith and Shirley McAdams have recently been added to the Primary staff of teachers. Our primary gets very little praise for the wonderful work they are doing for our youngsters in their formative years. It would be praiseworthy if you parents would put forth an effort to get all the kiddies to the meetings on Wednesday afternoons at four. Get them there this week and they can still sing in the Operetta.

Sister Gertrude Lowry is recovering nicely from a major operation which was performed November 24. Previous to Sister Lowry's entering the hospital all her family enjoyed a nice homecoming party in the form of Thanksgiving dinner. Included in the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Melzer from Long Beach, California. You will remember Mrs. Melzer as our own pretty Glenna Lowry Melzer.

Keep in touch with the MIA Officers and teachers to learn more about our Big New Year's party which will be held at the LDS Institute, 2368 La Conte, Berkeley. We want to have another success party; so save December 30th for this event.

Alameda Ward

We knew Sunday, November 19, was indeed a special day for Alameda Ward, as we entered the chapel to the beautiful strains of organ music, rendered by Rollin Jensen. This beautiful new organ is due mainly to the rsponse to the wonderful turkey dinner and fine program of November 15. We thank all those who donated, or helped in any way, especially to our bishop for his generosity.

We welcome into our midst two missionary Elders, Hugh M. Lyman, and J. Bernard Barnes, now residing in this ward. It has been a long time since full time missionaries have served this area; we are certainly happy to have them with us.

Quite a few of our members will be kept from home this holiday season. We feel sure they would like to hear from as many of us as possible. You may write to Elder Bruce Morgan ,serving in the Southern States Mission, at 1215 Cruise street, Corinth, Mississippi; to Elder Harold Clayson, serving in the Mexican Mission at Juan Jose de Lejarza, No. 134 Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico; to Elder Jerry Crandall, serving in the Western Canadian Mission at General Delivery, Kimberly, B. C., Canada; to Pfc. Dave Pinckney, serving with the U. S. Marines overseas at U. S. M. S. 1103900 FMF 214; M. A. G. 33; c/o F. P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

The Young People's Baptist Choir from Oakland presented a 30-minute program at the opening of Mutual on November 21. It was a very interesting program.

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I am still hopeful that at least the first volume will be available before Christmas.

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Berkeley Stake Mission Personnel And Record

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Excerpts From Letter of Elder Don Russell of Dimond Ward Now In Montana

It was quite an unusual Conference, having four mission presidents and their wives, plus two of the Apostles, and missionaries of three missions. It was quite a sentimental meeting.

Elder Harold B. Lee was the first speaker the next day. He spoke on the purpose of the Church, and reminded us that we are not Mormons or LDS, but members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

All Mission Presidents spoke at this session also, including the new Mission President and his wife, Bro. and Sister Broadbent. President Broadbent has the kindest face I ever saw on any man, and his wife was so overwhelmed she could hardly speak.

Among other things Apostle Lee said, "The Lord does not withdraw His Spirit from His children, but they draw away from the Lord. If we would live close enough to the Lord we could each receive a personal manifestation of Our Father in Heaven.

And Don continues: **Just to be near these good men is to feel the Spirit of God that surrounds them, and it was so powerful on this occasion as to make me physically weak, nor could I listen to Apostle Benson without the tears standing in my eyes.**

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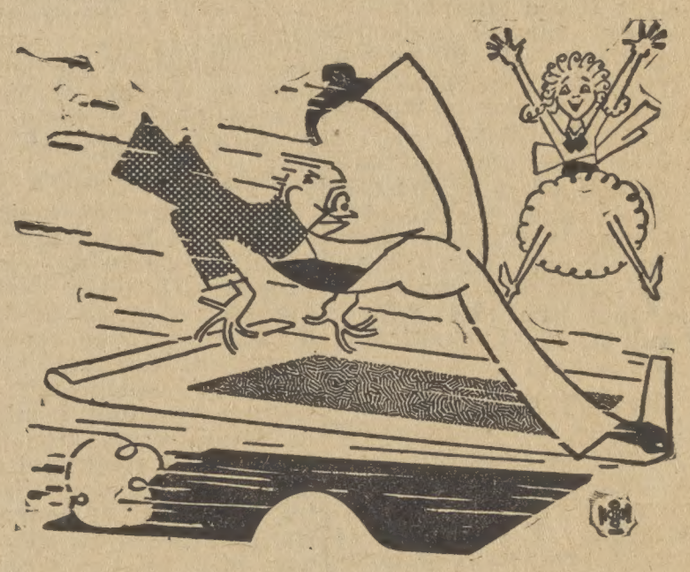

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Elder Whitney, poet-historian-orator-preacher, is best known for his 5-Vol. History of Utah. and his masterful volume of poetry, The Elias, part of which is herewith presented.

Joseph Smith and the Latter-day Saints

So much for the days of old. Now as to modern times. Joseph Smith, to whom the Father and the Son revealed themselves in the early decades of the nineteenth century, and through whom the everlasting gospel, with all its ancient gifts and blessings, was restored at the opening of this last and greatest of the gospel dispensations; Joseph Smith, who with Sidney Rigdon saw the Son of God sitting on the right hand of God, and gazed upon the glories of eternity; Joseph Smith, who with Oliver Cowdery beheld Jehovah, even Jesus Christ, standing upon the breastwork of the pulpit in the Kirtland temple; Joseph, the martyred prophet who gave his life to lay the foundations of this work—he left upon record more than one mighty testimony to the divinity of Jesus Christ. And tens of thousands of faithful Saints have rejoiced and are rejoicing in those testimonies, confirmed to them by the all-convincing power of the Holy Ghost.

In the Mission Field

May I add my mite to the mass of evidence upon this all-important theme? Fifty years ago, or something less, I was a young missionary in the state of Pennsylvania. I had been praying for a testimony of the truth, but beyond that had not displayed much zeal in missionary labor. My companion, a veteran in the cause, chided me for my lack of diligence in this direction. "You ought to be studying the books of the church," said he; "you were sent out to preach the gospel, not to write for the newspapers"—for that is what I was doing at the time.

I knew he was right, but still I kept on, fascinated by the discovery that I could wield a pen, and preferring that to any other occupation, except the drama, my early ambition which I had laid upon the altar when, as a youth of 21, I accepted a call to the mission field.

In Gethsemane

One night I dreamed—if dream it can be called—that I was in the Garden of Gethsemane, a witness of the Savior's agony. I saw him as plainly as I see this congregation. I stood behind a tree in the foreground, where I could see without being seen. Jesus, with Peter, James and John, came through a little wicket gate at my right .Leaving the three Apostles there, after telling them to kneel and pray, He passed over to the other side, where he also knelt and prayed. It was the same prayer with which we are all familiar: "O My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Matt., 26: 36-44; Mark, 15: 32-41; Luke, 22:42).

Presently he arose, and walked to where the apostles were kneeling—fast asleep! He shook them gently, awoke them, and in a tone of tender reproach, untinctured by the least suggestion of anger or scolding, asked them if they could not watch with him one hour. There he was, with the weight of a world's sin upon his shoulders, with the pangs of every man, woman and child shooting through his sensitive soul—and they could not watch with him one poor hour!

Returning to his place, he prayed again, and then went back and found them again sleeping. Again he awoke them, admonished them, and returned and prayed as before. Three times this happened, until I was perfectly familiar with his appearance—face, form and movements. He was of noble stature and of majestic mein—not at all the weak, effeminate being that some painters have portrayed—a very God among men, yet as meek and lowly as a little child.

All at once the circumstance seemed to change, the scene remaining just the same. Instead of before, it was after the crucifixion, and the Savior, with those three apostles, now stood together in a group at my left. They were about to depart and ascend into heaven. I could endure it no longer. I ran out from behind the tree, fell at his feet, clasped him round the knees, and begged him to take me with him.

I shall never forget the kind and gentle manner in which he stooped and raised me up, and embraced me. It was so vivid, so real, that I felt the very warmth of his bosom against which I rested. Then he said: "No, my son; these have finished their work, and they may go with me, but you must stay and finish yours." Still I clung to him. Gazing up into his face—for he was taller than I—I besought him most earnestly: "Well, promise me that I will come to you at the last." He smiled sweetly and tenderly and replied: "That will depend entirely upon yourself." I awoke with a sob in my throat, and it was morning.

The Moral of the Tale

"That's from God," said my companion, Elder A. M. Musser, when I had related it to him. "I don't need to be told that," was my reply. I saw the moral clearly. I had never thought that I would be an apostle, or hold any other office in the church; and it did not occur to me even then. Yet I knew that those sleeping apostles meant me. I was asleep at my post—as any man is, or any woman, who, having been divinely appointed to do one thing, does another.

President Young's Counsel

But from that hour all was changed—I was a different man. I did not give up writing, for President Brigham Young, having noticed some of my contributions in the home papers, wrote advising me to cultivate what he called my "gift for writing," so that I might use it in future years "for the establishment of truth and righteousness upon the earth" This was his last word of counsel to me. He died the same year, while I was still in the mission field, though laboring then in the state of Ohio. I continued to write, but it was for the church and Kingdom of God. I held that first and foremost; all else was secondary.

The Speaker's Testimony

Then came the divine illumination, which is greater than all dreams, visions, and other manifestations combined. By the light of God's candle—the gift of the Holy Ghost—I saw what till then I had never seen. I learned what till then I had never known. I loved the Lord as I had never loved him before. My soul was satisfied, my joy was full, for I had a testimony of the truth, and it has remained with me to this day.

I know that my Redeemer liveth. Not even Job knew it better. I have evidence that I cannot doubt; and this is why I am found among those who tonight unfurl the slogan for which we stand: having an individual testimony of the divinity of Jesus Christ.

The Divine Redeemer

He wandered through the faithless world,
A Prince in shepherd guise;
He called his scattered flock, but few
The Voice could recognize:
For minds upborne by hollow pride,
Or dimmed by sordid lust.
Ne'er look for kings in peasant's garb,
For diamonds in the dust.

Wept he above a city doomed,
Her temple, walls and towers,
O'er palaces where recreant priests
Usurped unhallowed powers.
"I am the Way, the Life, the Light!"
Alas 'twas headed not.
Ignored—nay, mocked God's messenger,
And spurned the gift he brought.

O bane of damming unbelief!
Thou source of lasting strife,
Thou stumbling stone, thou barrier 'thwart
The gates of endless life!
O love of self, and Mammon's lust,
Twin portals to dispair,
Where bigotry. the blinded bat,
Flaps through the midnight air!

Through these, gloom-wrapt Gethsemane!
Thy glens of guilty shade
Grieved o'er the sinless Son of God,
By gold bought kiss betrayed;
Beheld Him unresisting dragged,
Forsaken, friendless, lone,
To halls where dark-browed hatred sat
On judgment's lofty throne.

As sheep before His shearers, dumb,
Those patient lips were mute;
The clamorous charge of taunting tongues
He deigned not to dispute.
They smote with cruel palm a face,
Which felt yet bore the sting;
Then crowned with thorns His quivering brow,
And mocking, hailed him "King!"

Transfixt he hung—O crime of crimes!
The God whom worlds adore.
"Father forgive them!" Drained the dregs;
Immanuel was no more.
No more where thunders shook the earth,
Where lightnings, thwart the gloom,
Saw that unconquered Spirit spurn
The shackles of the tomb.

Far-flashing on its wings of light.
A falchion from its sheath,
It cleft the realms of darkness and
Dissolved the bands of death.
Hell's dungeons burst, wide open swung
The everlasting bars,
Whereby the ransomed soul shall win
Those heights beyond the stars.

Elias, Canto 3.
—O. F. Whitney's poem.

Tributes to Jesus Christ by Great Men; Personal Attestation by Joseph Smith

Friend and Inspiration

Those who have loved liberty have always loved Christ. The reformers whose hearts have bled for the wrongs of the weak, the poor and neglected have found in Christ a friend and inspiration.

Garibaldi, Italian Patriot

"I love and venerate the religion of Christ because Christ came into the world to deliver humanity from slavery for which God had not created it."

Mazzini, Italian Philosopher

"Jesus stood and stands alone, supreme, over all other great religious reformers in everything that concerns the heart and affections."

Henry George

"I love Jesus Christ because He loved men."

Daniel Webster

(His own epitaph)

"Lord, I believe, help thou mine unbelief. Philosophical argument, especially that drawn from the vastness of the universe in comparison with the apparent insig-times shaken my reason for the faith which is in me; but my heart has always assured and reassured me that the gospel of Jesus Christ must be a divine reality. The sermon on the Mount cannot be merely a human production. This belief enters into the very depth of my consciousness. The whole history of man proves it."

Oliver Lodge

"The divinity of Jesus is the truth which now requires to be reperceived, to be illuminated afresh by new knowledge, to be cleansed and revivified by the wholesale flood of scepticism which has poured over it; it can be freed now from all trace of groveling superstition, and can be recognized freely and enthusiastically."

Max Muller

"There is no religion in the whole world which in simplicity, in purity of purpose, in charity and true humanity comes near to that religion which Christ taught to his disciples. How little was taught by Christ and yet that is enough and every addition is of evil. Love God, love man—that is the whole law and the prophets—not the creeds and catechisms, articles and endless theological discussions.

"Christ's teaching is plainly that as he is the son of God so we are his brothers."

Joseph Smith's Testimony

In speaking of his vision of the Father and the Son and of the persecution that came to him because of his declaration of what he had seen and heard and of the sorrow he felt because of his not being understood and his message accepted, Joseph Smith says:

"However, it was nevertheless a fact that I had beheld a vision. I have thought since that I felt much like Paul, when he made his defense before King Agrippa and related the account of the vision he had when he saw a light and heard a voice; but still there were but few who believed him; some said he was mad; and he was ridiculed and reviled. But all this did not destroy the reality of his vision. He had seen a vision, he knew he had, and all the persecutions under heaven could not make it otherwise; and though they should persecute him unto death, yet he knew, and would know to his latest breath, that he had both seen a light and heard a voice speaking unti him, and all the world could not make him think or believe otherwise.

"So it was with me," Joseph Smith continues, "I had actually seen a light, and in the midst of that light I saw two personages, and they did in reality speak to me; and though I was hated and persecuted for saying I had seen a vision yet it was true; and while they were persecuting me, reviling me, and speaking all manner of evil against me falsely for so saying. I was led to say in my heart: Why persecute me for telling the truth? I have actually seen a vision, and who am I that I can withstand God, or why does the world think to make me deny what I have actually seen? For I had seen a vision; I knew it, and I knew that God knew it, and I could not deny it, neither dared I do it, at least I knew that by so doing, I would offend God, and come under condemnation."

Harry Fletcher Goes To the Hospital

We do not recall any announcement of its kind that has seemed to stir more general concern than the news that Oakland's beloved patriarch, Harry Fletcher, had been hospitalized.

Brother Fletcher was in good health at the time, and the operation was in the nature of taking time by the forelock and guarding against the possibility that trouble might develop suddenly if now neglected. His doctors advised this step. He entered the hospital Monday, Nov. 27.

Being a Spanish-American war veteran, Elder Fletcher is entitled to government hospital service. He was received at Ft. Miley hospital in San Francisco, and Sister Fletcher went to stay with a son in that city until Harry is released to return home. Her health has not been good for over a year.

If we were asked to name one man in the entire east bay that has done more than another in the cause of the Lord in the last many years we do not know one we would put ahead of Brother Harry Fletcher. A very positive character by nature, and a man of great faith to heal and impress with faith, and wholly single-eyed when it comes to duty and the gosple he has continually night and day comforted, steadied, cheered, blessed and confirmed the faith of hundreds.

Really Great and Startling Entertainment Is Being Planned For February By Oakland Stake. Hold Everything!

We are not at liberty to give more of the details at this time, but we have learned that the plans for this great February musical and entertainment event are on a scale never before attempted in Northern California. Be alerted therefore, for something really great is the only word that we can pass along at this time.

However, we have learned that three leaders of the stake, Glen Shaw, Darrell Monson and Roy Weindorf journeyed by plane to Los Angeles to "scout" the famous Inglewood Stake's "ALARM CLOCK FROLICS OF 1950" held in the Great Shrine auditorium Friday, November 24, before a sell-out crowd that grossed $25,000 and netted $18,000 for the purchase-price assessment on the huge new Southern California Welfare Center.

It was a movie and radio star affair with Lorraine Day and her hubby, Leo Durocher, as emcees, and J. Spencer Corwall conducting the large Philharmonic Chorus. Here it was that the Hall of Honor awards were made in the name of the Church to Bernard Baruch and Herbert Hoover.

The three brethern from Oakland say it was a grand affair in every sense of that word. They were able to gather many pointers to guide them in designing the projected "GREAT EVENT" for February in Oakland Stake.

"At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father and ye in me, and I am you.

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me, and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will come unto him, and will manifest myself unto him."

Jesus is here conversing with the wisemen in the temple at age 12. What depths of meditation and fearless insight one perceives in his clear steady gaze. His comprehension amazed the learned scribes.